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Ontario Finance Minister Dwight Duncan, left, and Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty enter the legislature before delivering the 2012 Ontario budget at Queen's Park in Toronto on Tuesday. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Capital region infrastructure safe from cuts

Ontario budget. Mayor pleased to see funding for light rail and other projects; uploading of social services remains untouched

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Yesterday's provincial budget announced freezes to public-sector wages and social assistance and a plan to eliminate the deficit in five years, but Mayor Jim Watson was watching for two things.

He wanted confirmation Ottawa infrastructure programs such as light rail and Highway 417 improvements would go ahead, and that Ontario would keep uploading social-service costs from the city as scheduled, he said. He got both.

"We were all understanding that it was going to be a rather austere budget and the province has a financial challenge just as the federal government does, and they have to get their house in order," he said.

In Thursday's federal budget, Watson's attention will be focused on the size of government job cuts.

"We have about a third of all public servants in the country located in Ottawa, so it's a very important part of our economy and our community," he said.

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The Lunch Lady

Employee sacked at kitchen tied to salmonella outbreak

A franchise owner of a kitchen connected to the salmonella outbreak in Ottawa said one of his employees has been fired following a breach of protocol.

Jonathan Morris of The Lunch Lady caterer said a staff member didn't properly follow food safety guidelines at his Boyd Avenue Kitchen.

"It was just a stupid mistake that he made," said Morris. "He didn't properly heat up the ground beef sufficiently."

"It's the sort of thing that people do at home, but it's not acceptable here."

All 24 of his staff have been given a refresher course on food safety since the outbreak, he said. The employee in question had been previously trained.

The kitchen on Boyd Avenue has been closed since the investigation started.

Morris said he will decide tomorrow if the kitchen on Boyd Avenue, which has been sanitized, will reopen. His Kanata kitchen was also sanitized and will reopen Wednesday.

JOE LOFARO/METRO

Transit

NCC study calls for integration

A new interprovincial transit study by the National Capital Commission to be released in April is set to recommend more integration between OC Transpo and Gatineau's STO bus services.

The study looks for ways to smoothly transport the more than 60,000 commuters who travel back and forth between Ottawa and Gatineau each day.

GRAHAM LANKTREE/METRO

Controversy. Hot 89.9 wins award for baby contest

Ottawa's Hot 89.9 radio station won an award at Canadian Music Week for its controversial Win A Baby contest last fall. On Friday the station won Radio Promotion of the Year at the festival, which celebrates the Canadian music and radio industry.

The contest, which had couples apply for up to three fertility treatments, was met with scorn by some listeners who called it immoral.

The station surprised the five finalist couples on Oct. 11 when they were told they would all receive up to three fertility treatments, rather than just one couple.

Hot 89.9's contest promo poster.

"Our true Hotties were on board with this from day one and to see us get international attention," said Hot 89.9 co-host Jeff Mauler in a news release. JOE LOFARO/METRO

Murder charge. Senior arrested after wife's shooting death

An 83-year-old man was charged with second-degree murder Tuesday in what Gatineau police are calling a domestic dispute.

Domenico Torrente was arrested outside his home Monday night at 52 Rivermeade St. in the Aylmer region. Police said he called 911 at 7 p.m. Monday to report his wife's death. His wife, Santina Larosa, 76, succumbed to gunshot wounds, police said. An autopsy is being conducted in Montreal.

Gatineau police spokesperson Pierre Lanthier said Torrente did not suffer any injuries in the incident, but was brought to hospital after he complained of not feeling well. Torrente will be handed over to authorities after he is released from hospital Lanthier said.

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Homicide

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The incident is believed to be Gatineau's first homicide of 2012.

'Generous' offer not enough for LRT change: Councillor

Accessibility. Hotel owner offers to pay city $2 million to put LRT station back near the National Arts Centre

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A $2-million offer from the Lord Elgin Hotel owner to pay for a LRT station entrance at the NAC is "too little, too late," deputy transit chair Keith Egli said Tuesday.

Hotel owner Jef Gillin sent a letter to city councilors this week offering the money over 10 years to pay for a station that was part of the city's original LRT plan.

A March 6 finance and economic development committee report suggested moving the station under Rideau Street, east of Sussex Drive instead.

City council will vote on the proposed change Wednesday.

Gillin wants council to delay the vote for 30 days in order to see if other businesses want to pitch in some funds.

But Egli said the $2 million will not achieve a station.

"While it's a generous offer, I don't think it's enough to slow down the process," Egli said. "I think there's been lots of time for consultation, lots of time for discussion, and we need to move forward on this project."

Egli said that, in the scope of a $2.1-billion project, the offer is less than 10 per cent of what is needed to build a new station.

The average cost of a station ranges between $35-$50 million, he said.

The owner of the Lord Elgin Hotel wants the city to build a LRT station closer to Elgin Street so that riders can quickly access hotels in the area. JOE LOFARO/METRO

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Mobile news

Age may creep up on man, but his best friend gets there at warp speed. The American Veterinary Medical Association holds that cats and small dogs are geriatric at seven — and large dogs at six. Scan for the story.

On the web

Beetle jewels

Live beetles covered in jewelry are all the rage in Mexico and are part of a centuries-old tradition. But as the live jewelry gains popularity, not all fashionistas and environmentalists are on the same page. Watch at metronews.ca/video

Ontario budget. Mixed reviews for Liberal plan

Erin Kelley, executive director of the Ottawa Chamber of Commerce, gave the 2012 Liberal budget mixed reviews, lauding cuts to some "inefficient" business subsidies and grudgingly accepting the postponement of corporate tax cuts.

"Obviously it's a disappointment, but we're not surprised by it and Ontario's still tax competitive, so I don't think that's really unfair."

Liberal MPP Yasir Naqvi said the budget strikes the right balance, attacking the deficit while protecting health care and education. "We need to do everything we can to slow down the rate of growth in spending and eliminate the deficit," he said. "I think those are the choices that we make at home when we carry a debt and I think it is incumbent on the government as well to make the right the choices."

Those choices, however, got a thumbs-down from Conservative MPP Lisa MacLeod.

"Anything that was proposed by my party or Don Drummond has not effectively been adopted," she said. "They've watered it down significantly, so no, it's not a good budget, it's not good for Ontario." MacLeod predicted taxes will rise because the Liberals aren't tackling government spending aggressively enough.

STEVE COLLINS/FOR METRO

Budget basics

A few key numbers:

- $127 billion in spending for 2012-2013, with a $15.2-billion deficit.
- $15.3-billion deficit for 2011-12, down from an estimated $16 billion, and a balanced budget by 2017-18.
- Pay freezes for teachers, doctors and the public sector, possibly through legislation, and a two-year extension to the current pay freeze for public executives.
- Plans to cut corporate taxes from 11.5 per cent to 10 per cent delayed until the budget is balanced.
- $17.7 billion in savings and cost containment over the next three years.

Infinity, interrupted? Space industry struggling amid budget cuts

With Canadian Space Agency (CSA) budget cuts expected this week, Canada's commercial space industry is gathering at the National Arts Centre Wednesday to talk about the future.

"The CSA is already set to lose a 14 per cent stimulus from its $350-million budget, and maybe more with federal budget cuts," said conference organizer Chuck Black of the Canadian Space Commerce Association. "Canadian companies like MDA, Neptec and Com Dev, which work with them, will be worried, and it could impact the $3.5 billion the industry produces each year."

Since 2009, Ottawa's Neptec has worked with the CSA on a lunar rover called Artemis, but funding runs out on March 31.

Black said he's bringing in speakers from European and U.S. companies who are driving the space industry. These include Alex Saltman, who represents players such as the X PRIZE Foundation.

"These guys have been through the same pull-back on funding with NASA," Black said, "and can help us find a way forward."

For more on the conference, go to metronews.ca.

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Gisele Vallee hoists some of the jugs of maple syrup on sale at the Vanier sugar shack. Visitors can purchase a 500-millilitre for $11.99. GRAHAM LANKTREE/METRO

Warm spell not so sweet for urban sugar shack

Sap down to a trickle.
Despite shortage, festivities will go on at Vanier's Maple Sugar Fest

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The flow of sap from 500 maple trees at Canada's only urban sugar bush trickled to a halt last week when temperatures soared to an unseasonable 24 C.

"When it was warm through the day and then warm at night, it killed the sap completely," said Gisele Vallee, co-ordinator of Vanier's Maple Sugar Fest, running this week through April 1.

"When the trees get too warm, the sap gets milky and has a very bitter taste. It has to run clear to make maple syrup."

Usually the sugar shack, which is about a 10-minute drive from Parliament Hill, produces 400 litres of sap from the woodlot near Vanier's old city hall, Vallee said. But this year they were able to make only 150 litres of syrup.

"I usually never have enough syrup to satisfy demand," she said. "This year we're having to buy more to add to what we make on site."

Still, the shortage won't put a damper on this year's festival and its new programming, Vallee promised.

"People love that the event is right in the city," she said. "It brings the community together. Some people don't have cars to get to a sugar bush outside the city. Here, there's a bus stop right around the corner."

This Saturday and Sunday, the festival's main event is a lumberjack competition between teams of local politicians — including Vanier city Coun. Mathieu Fleury — and Ottawa police officers taking part in log-sawing and axe-throwing events.

Children's performer Tante Caroline will share traditional French songs, and dancers from Russia, Croatia and Romania will add a multicultural flavour to the festivities.

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RCMP. Former officers launch class-action suit

KATE WEBB
For Metro in Vancouver

Former RCMP Const. Janet Merlo shakes an officer's hand in 1991. KLEIN LYONS/CONTRIBUTED

A former Nanaimo police constable filed a class-action lawsuit against the RCMP Tuesday alleging widespread systemic discrimination in the force against female officers, civilian members and civil-service employees.

More than 150 RCMP officers have signed on since former RCMP Cpl. Catherine Galliford came forward with explosive allegations of harassment on the job last November, although Galliford is not participating in the class-action suit.

The suit, filed by former Const. Janet Merlo, claims she suffered depression and post-traumatic stress disorder as a result of 20 years of discrimination and harassment at the Nanaimo RCMP detachment.

"It's too late for me," said Merlo in a statement released by her lawyers, "but I hope that this lawsuit will bring about some positive change for women who are still with the RCMP and women who join in the future."

The notice of claim alleges male members at Merlo's detachment planted sex toys around the office, yelled at her when she got pregnant with her first child and told her to keep her legs closed, and frequently made overt sexual comments and advances toward her.

Thunder Bay lawyer Alexander Zaitzeff is one of nine legal experts working on the case. Zaitzeff said the central issue in the case "is the paramilitary culture within the RCMP, in which there is an abuse of authority that occurs."

Scandal. Cyber-attack on NDP vote the work of organized professionals: Tech company

Hackers. Scytl Canada says hundreds of thousands of false vote requests sent

An NDP delegate wears a Brian Topp hat as she votes at a polling station in the fourth round of voting during the NDP leadership convention in Toronto on March 24. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

More than 10,000 "malevolent" Internet addresses were used to jam the NDP leadership convention's online voting system, according to the tech company that ran the vote.

The denial-of-service attack delayed voting for several hours and pushed the crowning of new NDP Leader Thomas Mulcair late into Saturday evening.

Some observers of the weekend convention immediately claimed the technical delays as evidence that New Democrats are not ready to govern.

But a statement Tuesday from Scytl Canada, which ran the online vote, described Saturday's cyber-attack as an organized, professional and illegal effort.

"We deeply regret the inconvenience to NDP voters caused by this malicious, massive, orchestrated attempt to thwart democracy," Susan Crutchlow, the general manager of Scytl Canada, said in a release.

"We are proud, however, that our robust system, which is used by many governments around the world, repelled this attack, did not crash, and completed its mission of giving all NDP members who wished to vote the opportunity to do so securely."

The Spanish-based company also thanked the party for its patience with the long delays caused by the attack.

Scytl said "many hundreds of thousands" of false voting requests were sent to the system.

"This effectively 'jammed up the pipe' into the voting system, delaying voter access," said the company statement.

The so-called "botnet" used computers around the world, but mainly in Canada.

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Breast cancer

Mammogram errors

A study found 109 breast-cancer cases that had not been previously diagnosed in Quebec. The provincial College of Physicians conducted the search after learning there may be errors in previous mammograms.
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Private vs. public

Toews speaks on online attacks

Public Safety Minister Vic Toews appeared before a committee Tuesday examining whether his privilege as an MP was breached when online videos disclosed details of his personal life.
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Quebec

Students protest

Students blocked access to government buildings in several Quebec cities on Tuesday, leading to police pepper-spray at least one of the crowds.
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French President Nicolas Sarkozy delivers a speech to magistrates and policemen who took part in the investigations into the attacks on seven people and siege of gunman Mohamed Merah's house. KENZO TRIBOUILLARD/POOL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Police fear French gunman had help

Accomplice? A video of attacks on soldiers and Jewish school sent to news network by unknown individual

A video apparently showing a Muslim gunman's attacks on soldiers and a Jewish school was sent to the Al-Jazeera news network — but not by him, French police said Tuesday, raising the spectre of a possible accomplice.

Al-Jazeera on Tuesday decided not to air a video that seems to have been filmed from the killer's point of view and includes the cries of his victims.

The decision came after President Nicolas Sarkozy asked the network not to broadcast it.

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Video

- A French official said the video was not sent by Merah, 23, who died in a police shootout.
- Another official said the envelope sent to Al-Jazeera contained postmarks from a large postal processing centre for the area around Toulouse.

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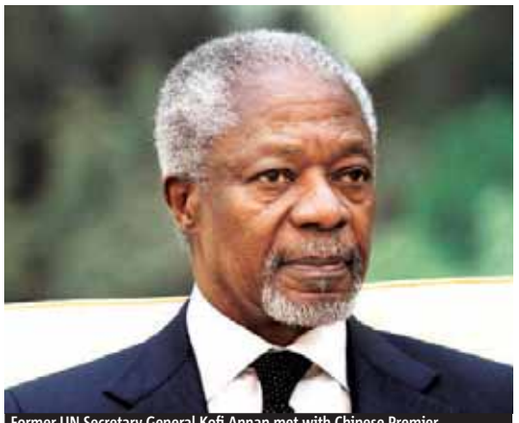
Annan makes progress in Syria peace talks



Former UN Secretary General Kofi Annan met with Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao in Beijing Tuesday. LINTAO ZHANG/POOL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

UN envoy Kofi Annan said Tuesday he has received the backing of both Syria and China for his plan for a negotiated end to the bloody Syrian conflict.

Annan believes Syria's acceptance of the peace plan is an important first step that now needs to be immediately implemented, his spokesman said.

A Paris-based member of the opposition Syrian National Council said it welcomes the Syrian government's decision.

"We hope that we can move toward a peace process," Bassma Kodmani said by telephone.

Annan, who is also an envoy for the Arab League, told reporters after meeting with Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao in Beijing on Tuesday that he had received a "positive" response from Syria as well as support from China.

He said he received a similar commitment from Russia over the weekend.

"We've had very good discussions about the situation in Syria. And they have offered me their full support," Annan said after the meeting with Wen.

Wen said work on a solution to the crisis is at a "critical juncture," adding that China backed Annan's mediation efforts.

The support from China and Russia may have been important in nudging Syria on the plan, which has been endorsed by the UN Security Council in a non-binding presidential statement.

China and Russia have twice vetoed proposed UN sanctions over Assad's crackdown on a yearlong uprising in which more than 8,000 people are believed to have died.

The two countries called those proposed UN resolutions unbalanced, saying they blamed only the Syrian government and demanded an end to government attacks, but not ones by the opposition.

Washington and many of its allies have said Assad has lost all legitimacy and must step down. China says the crisis needs to be resolved through talks.

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Proposal

Annan is proposing a six-point plan that includes a ceasefire by the Syrian government, a daily two-hour halt to fighting to evacuate the injured, and Syrian-led political talks to address the concerns of the Syrian people.

- He also urged freedom of movement throughout the country for journalists "and a non-discriminatory visa policy for them."

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Real estate

U.S. housing prices keep falling: Index

Home prices fell in January for a fifth straight month in most major U.S. cities, as modest sales increases have yet to boost prices.

The Standard & Poor's Case-Shiller home-price index released Tuesday showed that prices dropped in January from December in 16 of 19 cities tracked. The steepest declines were in San Francisco, Atlanta and Portland. Prices increased in Miami, Phoenix and Washington. Price information for Charlotte was delayed and therefore not included in the report.

The declines partly reflect typical off-season sales. The month-over-month data are not adjusted for seasonal factors. Still, prices fell in 17 of the 20 cities in January compared to the same month in 2011. The group's nationwide index of prices has fallen 34 per cent since the housing bust and is now at 2002 levels.
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In a Monday, Feb. 20, 2012 photo, a home is for sale in North Andover, Mass. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Outlook

America confident about economy

Americans' rosy outlook about the economy remains resilient, despite mixed economic signs. Consumer confidence barely budged in March after last month hitting the highest level in a year. The stock market is up, but gas prices are too. Unemployment is falling, but home prices are also declining. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WHO treaty. Member states set to crack down on tobacco smuggling

A large chunk of the world is closing in on a treaty to crack down on tobacco smuggling, a practice that is estimated to cost governments up to $50 billion US in tax revenue each year, the World Health Organization said Tuesday.

Diplomats from 174 WHO members states are expected to have a draft treaty by the time they meet in South Korea later this year, the global body said. A handful of countries, including the United States, Indonesia, Argentina, Switzerland and 15 others, are not participating in the negotiations, meaning the treaty wouldn't apply there.

Negotiators meeting in Geneva on Thursday still need to bridge differences on issues such as duty free and Internet sales, supply chain tracking and extradition of alleged smugglers. If those issues are resolved, a draft will be put to countries meeting in Seoul on Nov. 12 to 17.

A key part of the treaty is a planned tracking system that will require all cigarette packages to be marked in such a way that customs officials can trace their origin.
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Taking aim at competitor

CP Rail president and CEO Fred Green speaks in Calgary in this May 12, 2011, file photo. Green took direct aim Tuesday at Hunter Harrison, his erstwhile counterpart at the railroad's biggest rival and the man an activist investor wants to install in his place.
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Pipelines. Enbridge to invest $4B to extend oil transport to Gulf Coast

The race to ship crude to Gulf Coast refineries has intensified, as Enbridge Inc. announced plans to invest nearly $4 billion on two expanded U.S. pipeline proposals.

Canada's largest crude transporter said Monday its proposed Seaway project between the oversupplied Cushing, Okla., storage hub and the Gulf will be scaled up by 450,000 barrels per day, bringing that project's total capacity to 850,000 barrels per day.

Its proposed Flanagan South line has been expanded to a 36-diameter line with a capacity of 585,000 barrels per day. Together with its existing Spearhead pipeline, customers will be able to ship 775,000 barrels per day from Flanagan, Ill., to Cushing.

The projects will give producers in Western Canada and in the booming Bakken region of Saskatchewan, North Dakota and Montana "timely, economical and reliable options to deliver a variety of crudes to refinery hubs throughout the heart of North America and now as far as the Gulf Coast," said CEO Pat Daniel.
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Eurozone needs more than $1T: OECD

The 17 countries that use the euro need to build a one-trillion-euro ($1.29 trillion) firewall to help the struggling currency union return to growth, the head of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development said Tuesday.

Angel Gurria, the secretary-general of the Paris-based international-development body, said existing plans for a 500-billion-euro European rescue fund were not enough to restore market confidence.

"The mother of all firewalls should be in place," Gurria told a news conference in Brussels, where he was flanked by Olli Rehn, the EU's economic affairs commissioner.

A permanent bailout fund of at least one trillion euros would give governments the breathing space to focus on kick-starting growth and restoring the competitiveness of their economies, Gurria added.

As well as shoring up the financial defences, the OECD chief pointed to a raft of economic reforms that individual countries should enact. According to the organization's annual report for the eurozone, released Tuesday, vulnerable states may need more aid over the coming two years, and Gurria said eurozone finance ministers should take a decision to boost their bailout funds at their meeting in Copenhagen on Friday.

Germany, the bloc's largest economy, signalled on Monday that it would support an increase to around 700 billion euros, but only until some 200 billion euros in loans already promised to Greece, Ireland and Portugal have been paid back. That falls below the recommendation of the International Monetary Fund and the European Commission, the European Union's executive.
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Angel Gurria, the head of the OECD, right, talks with European Commissioner for Economic and Monetary Affairs Olli Rehn in Brussels on Tuesday.
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COLORADO KIDS GET EGGED ON

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This is a story about an Easter egg hunt.

Of course, this is me, so it's a story about an Easter egg hunt gone horribly wrong.

The annual Easter egg hunt in Colorado Springs was called off this year because last year a mob of crazed parents leaped over the rope into an area restricted to kids and gathered up all the eggs before the kids knew what was happening.

When asked to explain his shocking behaviour, one dad explained: "You better believe I'm going to help my kid get one of those eggs. I promise my kid an Easter egg hunt, and I'd want to give him an even edge," he told The Associated Press.

Parents on the hunt

"We've come a long way from the days when my generation was growing up: our parents used to throw us out of the cave in the morning with instructions to go and frolic with the mastodons and the sabre-toothed tigers while they pursued their Mad Men dreams and schemes."

Left groping to explain all those adults gone wild, one expert blames "helicopter parents" and "millennial children." Today's parents, so the theory goes, are so anxious to prevent little Logan or Olivia from experiencing Early Disappointment Syndrome (I made that up) they'll turn an Easter egg hunt into blood sport. If Olivia falls victim to EDS, her self-esteem will suffer and she won't be able to get into the best schools and take her rightful place among the Masters and Mistresses of the Universe.

It's the same at the rink, the soccer pitch, the birthday party, dance class and wherever else helicopter parents hover. My favourite is that millennial kids are now taking their parents to their job interviews so that Mr. and Ms. Helicopter can make sure Olivia gets a fair shake during the interview and the inevitable negotiation that follows.

We've come a long way from the days when my generation was growing up: our parents used to throw us out of the cave in the morning with instructions to go and frolic with the mastodons and the sabre-toothed tigers while they pursued their Mad Men dreams and schemes.

I swear we would play entire seasons of hockey outdoors — and never see a single parent standing on the snow banks, which makes sense, as your face would freeze after a minute's exposure to the wind chill. I used to take big hits in the hope I would get injured and be able to go into the shack and sit next to the heater.

Now kids play in world-class arenas or stadiums, complete with team doctors and publicists. And a squadron of helicopter parents, hovering in formation like killer bees.

Making sure nothing interesting happens to their kids.

But let's see what I can do. Kid? Listen up. There's no such thing as the Easter Bunny anyway.

We know of some unlucky kids who won't be getting an Easter egg hunt this year. GETTY IMAGES

A blast from the past

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A copy of the Cleveland Plain Dealer, dated Thursday, March 21, 1912, is held up after the opening of a time capsule buried 100 years ago at GE Lighting's Nela Park world headquarters Monday in Cleveland. TONY DEJAK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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A bright idea

Five of the century-old light bulbs placed next to a time capsule buried 100 years ago at GE's Lighting's Nela Park world headquarters Monday in Cleveland. Enclosed in the time capsule were also historical lighting-industry brochures and other artifacts.

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The board

A photo of GE's board of directors in 1912 is held up.

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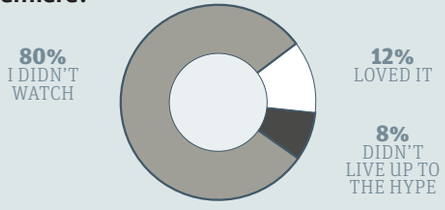
What did you think of the Mad Men season premiere?



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@SeanBawden: Signs I am officially at home in Ottawa: read "416", think "416", type "613".

@WDunn: I'm not sure if I love Ottawa for being sunny, or hate it for being -8.

@wick_22: GOOD to be Ottawa prepping for Worlds.... despite fitness testing. ;) @HC_WWHC

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Billy Zane starred opposite Kate Winslet in Titanic. CONTRIBUTED

Titanic was a 'game changer'

An interview with Billy Zane. The Titanic baddie returns, only this time in 3D

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It's been 15 years since Titanic reduced us all to sobbing wrecks, and smashed box-office records.

Now James Cameron's classic is being reissued in eye-popping 3D and we caught up with its sharp-suited villain Cal Hockley, also known as Billy Zane.

How did the original Titanic change your life?
It was an incredible calling card. Titanic was an invitation to the tables of sovereign leaders for whatever you wanted to leverage, in my case charities. It was a game-changer, and a great honour to be canonized in the pantheon of significant movies.

Having played such a villain — are you worried about a new wave of unpopularity with the 3D release?
Oh, been there, done that, I'm well versed from the first time.

There's actually been a new perspective on Cal. Perhaps revisiting the movie has helped people see him through a different lens and have more sympathy.

You're not experiencing hostility?
Men say I was a terrible shot and women are in two camps. The ones who were swept up in Leo-mania and can't believe I was in the way of true love, and the slyer ones with an appetite for jewelry who thought Rose was mad to leave Cal.

The most important thing for me was to mine understanding. The burden of the era was placed upon him too; he had a lot to manage. Collectively we were always analyzing, looking for opportunities to disarm the audience.

Does a real man make his own luck?
But of course.

Would you have liked anything about living in 1912?
Life before cellphones! Also the lost art of craftsmanship. I miss things being well made. Architecture and craftsmanship standards in general have fallen.

How do you and the ocean get along?
I forged my career at sea in Dead Calm, where I played a nutter on a boat. I do well at sea, the boats just got bigger. In real life? It makes it very hard to charter one.

What will audiences get out of this reissue?
It depends what audience. Most have seen the film before, so they're going in with comforting expectation.

It's much like seeing an anthem band from the 1980s; waiting for the big hit, fired up nostalgically for when the first chord hits and you're transported to a time and place.

The device of 3D allows the filmmaker to keep the audience off balance — it's an unpredictable space that allows heartstrings to be manipulated.

After 3D, what other new forms of Titanic could be created?
I think a role-play game in real time from the moment of impact or just before is probably something they might consider.

It's easy to forget this is all based on a historic tragedy. How has all this affected you?
More so than before. I saw a segment of the voyage on the (BBC) One Show I had never seen before. While watching it I had a very uneasy feeling. For the original, the tragedy hadn't hit me. We were always caught up in the artifice of film. Now it's different, I feel the weight.

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Scene in brief

Is that Harry Potter on your Kindle?

At last, Harry Potter's adventures are available electronically. The seven novels about J.K. Rowling's boy wizard are for sale as ebooks and audio books on the author's Pottermore website, the site's creators announced Tuesday. The books are currently available in English, in U.S. and U.K. editions, priced at $7.99 for ebooks and $29.99 for audio versions. The Harry Potter novels have sold 450 million copies, but Rowling for years resisted making the books available in digital form. She announced last year that Potter ebooks would be sold through the Pottermore site, an interactive portal into Harry's magical world.
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On the Web

Man pleads guilty in Los Angeles in celebrity hacking case involving Christina Aguilera, Scarlett Johansson

He's got the acting chops, but Clive Owen may be almost famous forever

Flying under the fame radar. Why Clive Owen isn't a mega-star and why he maybe doesn't want to be

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Clive Owen should be breathing the same air as George Clooney and Will Smith; that crystal clean A-lister air that only the rarified few ever get to sample.

He ought to be a massive movie star, but despite smouldering good looks and some big hits like Children of Men and The Inside Man, he isn't.

Last year the Globe and Mail noted that Owen "remains just below popular radar" despite "critical acclaim for his acting chops." He's a Golden Globe and BAFTA winner and an Oscar nominee, so the acting chops aren't in doubt, but being a movie star and being a good actor are not mutually exclusive. If so, Sam Rockwell and Casey Affleck would be superstars.

So why isn't Owen in the mega leagues? Partly by choice. It's said that he prefers a quiet life in the coastal town of Harwich, England, with his wife of almost two decades and children, to walking a red carpet.

Fair enough, but I think the eclecticism of his choices prevents audiences from getting a handle on him.

This weekend, for instance, he plays a protective father who battles a bogeyman named Hollowface to protect his daughter in the horror film Intruders.

It's not the first time he's played a family man but in very different kinds of films, with varying portrayals. In Trust he was a sensitive father shattered by his daughter's involvement with an online predator and in The Boys Are Back he had to learn how to be a father to two kids he barely knew after his on-screen wife died.

Then there is the long list of action movies on his resumé. He has punched, kicked and shot his way through violent films that relied on cartoon theatrics like Shoot 'Em Up and Sin City, espionage thrillers like Killer Elite and The International and even spy comedies like The Pink Panther.

CLIVE OWEN AS JOHN FARROW IN INTRUDERS. COURTESY MILLENIUM ENTERTAINMENT

Owen's take on his acting

"I don't 'do' emotion. Emotions are overrated. I'm more interested in creating a presence."
Clive Owen

Then there are the swashbuckling period pieces like King Arthur and Elizabeth: The Golden Age, where he's all ruffles and chain mail, and Gosford Park, a murder mystery set in 1932, where he plays Robert Parks, the valet to a wealthy land owner.

The only constants connecting Owen's movies are his charisma — "I don't 'do' emotion," he says. "Emotions are overrated. I'm more interested in creating a presence" — and his acting ability. Mega star or not, no one can deny the guy has presence no matter what the role.

5 cringe-worthy rhymes in Justin Bieber's Boyfriend

Somebody make it stop. Sorry Beliebers — Metro just couldn't resist making fun of his new song for its awful lyrics

As Justin Bieber emerges from puberty and tries to bring his music along with him, the result is a song with lyrics so ridiculous that it's actually funny. Behold: Boyfriend.

Since we know the slightest bit of criticism is enough to spark unmeasurable outrage among tween Beliebers, we decided to present evidence to back up our case that this song is downright embarrassing.

Let us begin with the overuse (or just general use) of the words "swag" and "swaggie." What is swaggie? Are we too old to understand this?

And now, brace yourself for the five worst rhymes in Justin Bieber's song Boyfriend.

1. "Baby, take a chance or you'll never ever know, I've got money in my hands that I'd really like to blow."
What is Justin Bieber, the new T.I.? We know the kid is a gazillionaire but is he really going to throw cash into the mix of his most whimsical, romantic song yet?

2. "Swag on you, chillin by the fire while we eatin' fondue."
Now, that is some romantic stuff right there. Roaring fire and fondue? See Biebs, with game like that, you don't need to go around throwin' down dolla dolla billz.

3. "So say hello to falsetto in three, two, SWAG!"
Well, hello, falsetto! We were so worried you were gone, what with all these big boy lyrics.

4. "Tell me what you like girl, tell me what you don't. I could be your Buzz Lightyear, fly across the globe."
So yeah, just in case you needed any more proof that this song is a sad attempt at seeming more "grown up," Biebs throws in a Toy Story reference.

5. "I don't never wanna fight, yeah, you already know. I'm a make you shine bright like you're laying in the snow. Brrrr."
Aside from the double negative (Come on, Biebs, we know your grammar is better than that), we don't even understand what this means. Do people get shinier when they're laying in the snow? If anything, they start to lose colour, right? METRO NEW YORK

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Fear, paranoia keeping Little Mosque off the air in the U.S.?

Muslim stereotypes. Little Mosque eyes hoped-for U.S. broadcast deal as series winds down

The cast of the hit show Little Mosque on the Prairie. HANDOUT/CBC/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Of all the barriers CBC's groundbreaking sitcom Little Mosque on the Prairie has managed to cross with its multi-faith humour, one surprising wall remains: the U.S. border.

Despite having audiences in 92 countries around the world, executive producer Mary Darling notes the gentle comedy has never been able to secure a broadcaster in the United States, where a lighthearted look at culture clash would arguably have its deepest resonance.

Now that the gentle comedy is winding down its six-season run, Darling says talks are underway to finally land a U.S. broadcast deal.

"All these conversations are in play and I'm assuming that at some point we'll be able to make a U.S. announcement," says Darling, refusing to say more.

In some ways, little has changed since Little Mosque first hit Canadian television with a never-before-seen look at small-town Muslim life on the Prairies, says show creator Zarqa Nawaz.

Nawaz blames "a lot of fear, a lot of paranoia" in the United States for keeping the show off the air there.

"9-11 happened in the United States and there's still a lot of problems because of it in terms of perceptions of Muslims," says Nawaz.

"Look at (President) Barack Obama. I mean, his biggest liability was that people thought he was Muslim, right? I don't think we can underestimate those feelings. They're very, very strong in the United States."

"There is a population in the States that's ready for our show," says Darling, who blamed the inability of Little Mosque to get a deal earlier on revenue-conscious TV executives. "I think the American people are ready for the show and that the gatekeepers at the broadcaster, they're nervous. They're nervous because heads roll very quickly if something's not a success."

Little Mosque kicked off a two-part finale Monday on CBC-TV. The show's final episode airs April 2. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Media firestorm

'Mainstream advertisers pulled out'

Zarqa Nawaz, creator of Little Mosque, points to the recent uproar over the TLC series All-American Muslim as a prime example of lingering misconceptions.

The reality show chronicled the lives of five Muslim American families in small-town Michigan. It found itself at the centre of a religious and political uproar when an evangelical group complained its everyday storylines whitewashed Islamic radicalism.

Major sponsors, including hardware giant Lowe's, withdrew their support, spurring a backlash that had celebrity critics Jon Stewart and Russell Simmons lauding the show for challenging stereotypes.

"That is the thinking right now in the United States," Nawaz says of the firestorm, which was followed by the show's cancellation. TLC blamed the cut on low ratings. "All these mainstream advertisers pulled out of a show about Muslims because it was about normal people."

Simon Cowell

Crazed fan goes after X Factor creator Simon Cowell

Simon Cowell had a close encounter with an obsessed fan when a brick-wielding woman broke into his London home and came face to face with the X Factor boss before getting nabbed by his on-site security, according to the Washington Post.

"It came from the bathroom, so he went in," Max Clifford, Cowell's spokesperson, said in a statement.

"She had smashed her way in through the window, and it was unclear how long she had been there or what she was doing."

Clifford adds that Cowell was shaken by the scare.

"It was a very frightening experience for Simon, who told me it was like something from a horror movie," he says.

Getting smashed

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Max Clifford, Cowell's spokesperson

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Hollywood women love the bad boy

THE WORD
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In a recent column, I brought up the news that everyone's favourite '90s goth (besides blood-sucking era Angelina Jolie), Marilyn Manson, is dating chanteuse Lana Del Rey. And, perhaps it was shallow of me, but I asked what it was about the creepy rocker that attracted some of Hollywood's most beautiful women (Rose McGowan, Dita Von Teese, Evan Rachel Wood are three of his most famous conquests). Luckily, you wrote in:

"The best I can do is remember that ignorance is a natural part of the human process."

"He's creepy outwardly, I'll grant you and beyond strange. He is also intelligent, well spoken, charming (when he wants to be) and masculine (despite the make-up and freaky gender-bending BDSM clothing)…. He's good at making interesting conversation and accomplished at drawing women in. A fine predator of the male species."

"The answer is so simple that you missed it completely! Ask yourself how

Ric Ocasek got Paulina? The reason you don't get it is that you are not a fan of Marilyn Manson. Your biased view inhibits your clarity."

My biased view? No. It's just curious. I'd like to file this under that weird phenomenon of how once-popular Hollywood men whose careers are currently on a downward slide—see: Wilmer Valderrama; Macaulay Culkin — still get so many successful, hot girlfriends and George Clooney gets a former WWE wrestler. Ladies, I'd like a word.

Fergie

Fergie wants to add peas to her family pod

After three years of marriage to Josh Duhamel, Fergie is up for having kids — just not now.

"It's not happening yet, I can tell you that definitely," Fergie says, according to Hollyscoop. "But we want to have a family, so that's in the cards, but it's just not this second."

The continued wait has to do with the fact that, with a lighter Black Eyed Peas schedule, the singer finally has time to spend with her husband.

"Eight years of being on the road, and now I've been off the road, what, five months?" she says.

"I'm enjoying this time of just being home for that long a period."

Twitter

@MileyCyrus
I'm not engaged. I've worn this same ring on this finger since November! People just wanna find something to talk about! It's a topaz people!

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There's lots to love about Paris in springtime

French immersion.
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Spring is in the air. Students are out night and day, lovers cuddle on benches in the city's parks, the atmosphere is serene and the pace in Paris is pretty relaxed as days get longer. As I stroll along the shores of La Seine, I can't help thinking of the light spirited Woody Allen movie. Like Gil, the main character of Midnight in Paris, I embrace everything I come across in the French capital with delight and gratitude.

The soft light playing on the glass panels of the Louvre pyramids is a painting worth as much as the most notorious exhibited inside. Talking with the booksellers by the Seine in order to find a copy of an ancient manuscript brings me joy.

March is a lazy month with unpredictable mood swings. As it gets warmer during the day, I look for some shade in le Jardin du Luxembourg.

In this great recreational park of the 5th arrondissement (district) of Paris, I take pleasure in looking at children playing with miniature sailboats on the main basin and at the statues scattered in the park picturing romance, love, desire and revenge (I imagine).

A sudden shower pushes me down in the subway heading to the Quai Branly for an escape to the museum of cultures and civilizations. This fascinating place created by former French president Jacques Chirac offers a complete, clever and well displayed collection of craft, arts and history that reflects the richness and variety of the many cultures around the world.

As the night falls, the rain has stopped and the temperature is still good enough to hang out. I walk up the Champs Élysées to the Arc de Triomphe, just because it feels great to stroll along this notorious avenue and I stop at the Fouquet's to enjoy a meal in a very expensive café, looking at ecstatic tourists and young families heading back home. Then I head to Place de l'Odéon to have dinner in one of the numerous restaurants in this tiny passage where artists, students and wealthy people meet and talk through the night. I have a hard decision to make: should I sit at Le Procope, a Parisian institution, or opt for the friendly atmosphere and the amazing desert of La Jacobine?

As if the excellent meal was not enough to please my palate, I walk up on Saint Germain to stop at the chocolate boutique of famous maître-chocolatier Larnicol. I indulge in delicacies in this chocolate palace. It's now time to burn it off with some jazz. The Quartier Latin is a vibrant place where life is bustling and the night is always young. There are plenty of clubs to listen to music in and many opportunities to mingle with a happy crowd.

The city offers it all: elegant architecture, fancy stores and interesting urban sketches… Yes, indeed, the Parisian cliché is a delightful experience!

Maybe love will strike at the corner of a café or on the sidewalk of Notre Dame and just like for Gil; a young charismatic stranger will turn my Parisian experience into a romance.

People enjoy the spring weather outside the Louvre. ZOETNET/FLICKR

Maybe love will strike you at the Arc de Triomphe or on the sidewalk of Notre Dame this spring. FLICKR

3 LIFE

Stamp

Queen puts stamp on exhibit

Regular mail — the kind with a stamp on it — isn't the everyday fact of life it used to be. And that means we might not get to see the Queen as often as Canadians did in the past. The Canadian Postal Museum in Gatineau, Que., is marking Elizabeth's diamond jubilee with an exhibition of over 600 stamps issued since 1952 that bear her likeness. "This collection of postal portraits provides an excellent historical account of one of many examples of the Queen's presence in the everyday lives of Canadians," Heritage Minister James Moore said in a release.
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Skip the fattening cream and butter — and rethink a classic turkey casserole

Ingredients

- 375 g (12 oz) whole-grain spaghetti, broken into pieces
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) canola oil
- 250 g (8 oz) cremini mushrooms, sliced
- 1 clove garlic, chopped
- Salt and ground black pepper, to taste
- 1 bunch asparagus, trimmed and cut into pieces
- 1 red bell pepper, cored and diced
- 10 ml (2 tsp) onion powder, divided
- 7 ml (1 1/2 tsp) paprika, divided
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) dry sherry
- 750 ml (3 cups) cubed cooked turkey breast
- 500 ml (2 cups) fat-free half-and-half
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) instant-blend flour
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) grated Parmesan cheese
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) panko breadcrumbs
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) garlic powder
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) chopped fresh parsley

1. Heat oven to 200 C (400 F). Coat a large casserole dish with cooking spray.

2. Bring a large saucepan of salted water to a boil and cook spaghetti according to package directions. Drain and set aside.

3. In a large skillet over medium-high, heat oil. Add mushrooms and garlic, then season with salt and black pepper. Sauté until mushrooms are well browned and release all their liquid, about 10 minutes. Add asparagus and red pepper and cook for another 4 minutes.

4. Stir in 5 ml (1 tsp) of the onion powder, 5 ml (1 tsp) of the paprika and sherry. Cook for 1 minute, then remove from heat. Add turkey and set aside.

5. In a small saucepan over low heat, bring half-and-half to a simmer. Whisk in instant-blend flour, then bring to a boil. Cook until thickened, about 1 minute. Remove pan from heat and stir in Parmesan. Season with salt and pepper.

6. In a small bowl, stir together panko, garlic powder, parsley, remaining 5 ml (1 tsp) onion powder and remaining 2 ml (1/2 tsp) paprika.

7. To assemble casserole, stir cooked spaghetti and cream sauce into skillet with turkey and vegetables. Spoon mixture into prepared casserole dish, then sprinkle seasoned panko over it. Spritz top of panko crumbs with cooking spray and bake for 10 to 15 minutes or until golden.

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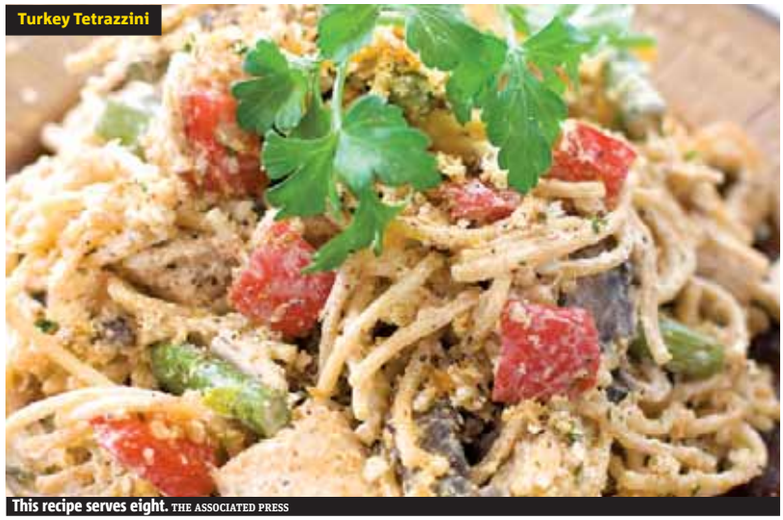
Turkey Tetrazzini



This recipe serves eight. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Savoury turkey crêpes ideal for light lunch, entertaining

Savoury Turkey Crêpes

This recipe serves six to eight. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ingredients

Crêpe Batter

- 500 ml (2 cups) flour
- 8 eggs
- 250 ml (1 cup) milk
- 250 ml (1 cup) chicken or vegetable stock
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) vegetable oil
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) melted butter
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) chopped parsley
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) Parmesan cheese, plus extra for serving
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- Cooking oil

Turkey Filling

- 30 ml (2 tbsp) olive oil
- 1 small onion, diced
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) oregano
- 750 g (1 1/2 lb) turkey breast, cut into strips
- 250 ml (1 cup) button mushrooms
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) chopped fresh sage
- 250 ml (1 cup) thinly sliced red peppers
- 250 ml (1 cup) thinly sliced orange peppers
- 2 cans (each 284 ml/10 oz) cream of mushroom soup
- 500 ml (2 cups) chicken or vegetable broth
- Salt and pepper, to taste

1. In a large bowl, make a well in the centre of the flour. In a second bowl, whisk together eggs, milk, stock, oil and melted butter. Pour liquid ingredients into flour and blend well using a wire whisk. If batter is lumpy, pass through a sieve. Add parsley and cheese to smooth batter, cover and refrigerate for 15 minutes.

2. Heat oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add onion and oregano and sauté until softened. Add turkey and cook until starting to brown. Add mushrooms, sage and peppers and sauté for 5 minutes. Add mushroom soup and broth and bring to a boil. Set heat to low and keep mixture warm.

3. Heat oiled crêpe pan or frying pan over medium-low heat. Spread one ladle of batter on pan, swirling pan until batter is close to the sides. Cook until batter is set and the edges start to curl. Flip for a moment and then remove.

4. Divide turkey mixture among 16 crepes. Place filling on one edge of the crepe and roll. Serve sprinkled with grated Parmesan cheese.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Shopping around for the perfect job

World of opportunity. The retail business is about so much more than clothing, quotas and 'can I start a room for you?'

JOSÉ GONZALEZ
Talentegg.ca

Several streams of employment are available to students and recent grads seeking access into the retail industry, each one offering unique opportunities and requiring specific skill sets.

The opportunities within each of these streams cater to a wide variety of disciplines. Depending on your interests, there are positions within the retail industry in everything from fashion to business to marketing to interior decorating to industrial engineering and more!

There is a huge amount of variety within the retail industry and success involves the understanding of how all the individual pieces fit together.

Logistics and supply chain management

This is the essential role of getting products from suppliers through distribution centres and into the customers' hands. Being able to manage these interconnected parts becomes a greater concern as the size of the retailer increases.

Much of the knowledge required for this includes planning supply routes, finding affordable methods of transportation and ensuring there are never too many — or too few — of each product in stores.

Merchandising, marketing and sales

This can include buying, category management, inventory analysis, planning and allocation, marketing co-ordination, sales management, business development and loss prevention.

This particular area has made significant advancements in recent years and can vary considerably between individual retailers.

Technological advancements have allowed massive amounts of data to be collected, and currently the major issue is determining the most effective way of analyzing that data.

Having a background or familiarity with interpreting statistics is valuable here. Knowledge of the customers is key to these positions and being able to interpret that data will help further that goal

Operations management

These roles may include district or store management, and require a wide range knowledge and abilities.

They can include recruiting and hiring employees, managing inventories, implementing promotional strategies, and many other skill sets which vary across retailers.

These operations are the core of the business and where most of the actual money is made. The skills required for these positions can vary considerably depending on the retail outlet. However, a strong knowledge of the retailer's customer base and the products are key.

General corporate

These positions are ones most commonly shared by all businesses, such as IT, accounting and human resources. Within retail, the human resources role may exist at the corporate level or in field roles that require HR management across regions, or in large store locations.

Much of these particular corporate aspects of the retail industry are focused upon in business courses and operate in the same way. This area is often considered to be the more 'traditional' aspect of the industry.

Moola matters

Average retail salaries

- **Sales Representative.** $24,000-$28,000
- **Buyer.** $39,166-$68,274
- **Assistant Manager.** $30,000-$55,000
- **Retail Analyst.** $40,594-$71,144
- **Operations Director.** $54,102-$154,252

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An essential ingredient

Getting a job in the retail industry is not as straightforward as some, but here is one all-important tip:

- **Know the company.** Know its history, price points and competition. Visiting the stores (if possible) to look at and think critically about their assortment. Know where they sit in the industry. In addition, Alan Gryn, a director in the strategy and business improvement team at Sears, suggests trying to see if you can speak to any employees. Understand the difference between WalMart and Winners. WalMart is a discount store and Winners is off-price. Discount stores buy product at the same cost as everyone else but take lower markups.

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Andrew Johnson has the job you wanted when you were six years old

LEGO legend. For this young man, the building blocks to success have been bright and stackable

MONICA WEYMOUTH
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As the new Master Model Builder of LEGOLAND Discovery Center Chicago, 23-year-old Andrew Johnson designs 3D LEGO models for the families that visit.

Last week, he completed his first display since starting full-time at the beginning of the month.

"I just made a cardinal — that's the state bird of Illinois," he tells us. "It's a lot of fun to be able to design something and watch it come into creation so fast."

Plenty of aspects of the job could be described as "a lot of fun," which is why the position isn't easy to come by. There are only four master model builders in the U.S. and an additional eight abroad. Johnson landed the gig after competing against eight other finalist applicants in a "build-off," during which he created a replica of Chicago's Daley Plaza Picasso sculpture, a model of the Lorax using less than 40 LEGO pieces and an especially tricky audience-member request: a violin and a hands-free harmonica.

For now, Johnson — who is one credit shy of a degree in history from DePaul University — isn't concerned with big-picture career questions or especially eager to join his friends in the cubicles.

"It's one of the only toys I can think of that you don't grow out of," Johnson says of LEGOs. "I'm going to stay here as long as I'm having fun — which I can see being a long time."

Piece by piece

His building style

Johnson has been playing with LEGOs since he was a child, but sharpened his skills while working at a camp where the toys were used to teach architecture and engineering. "There are people who have a lot of kits, but I'm more of a free-builder – I haven't used instructions in a long time," he says. "I don't buy kits, just the basic building blocks. It's a lot of trial and error."

Evidently, confidence in your ability will help you stand out from some tough competition. ISTOCK

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Must you turn over your Facebook password to a potential employer? This hot topic will be the question faced by Canadian employees as this practice gains popularity in the United States and is taking a foothold here.

For starters, employers have for some time been reviewing potential employees' Facebook profiles to glean information about their behaviour. No surprise there since pictures do not lie, but people do. There is only so much that can be learned during an interview and from personal references that are seldom impartial. However, online profiles often reveal very genuine information about an individual's behaviour and predispositions, and can be linked to what type of employee they will ultimately become.

The practice of reviewing Facebook accounts, however widespread, is not illegal. There are no laws limiting an employer from considering only the information that a candidate provides and, if certain information is posted online, it is considered open season. The only limitation is human rights statutes, which provide that employers cannot make hiring decisions based on prohibited grounds, such as age, religion or sexual orientation. However, demonstrating discrimination during a job interview is nearly impossible to prove and outside of the specific grounds delineated in human rights codes, other very personal information receives absolutely no protection. Employers can decline applicants because they just don't like them and if that impression is developed from reviewing their Facebook profile, it is not illegal.

But how about demanding a candidate's Facebook login information? The story in last week's news about the would-be police officer who was told to hand over his log information caused many to label this practice as illegal. However, there is no law preventing it, regardless of how inappropriate it may seem.

Both Facebook itself and the Ontario Human Rights Commission posted a statement cautioning employers from using this practice, since it may be used to indirectly obtain discriminatory information. But their position has no legal weight and employers can too easily point to other reasons why an individual was not hired.

While demanding login information may not be illegal, it will still cause a public outcry. So what should job applicants faced with this issue do? Similar to how Facebook is now being used to track down social miscreants, such as the G20 protests, it can be used to pillory employers who engage in this practice. I will not be surprised when this happens.

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Final Four

NCAA coaches cashing in

Ohio State coach Thad Matta has already cashed in on the Buckeyes' trip to the Final Four. So have the rest of the coaches whose teams are headed to New Orleans. Matta has racked up $100,000 US in incentives tied to his team's performance in the Big Ten and NCAA tournament this season. And that doesn't include the one-year extension that was triggered when the Buckeyes beat Michigan State for a share of the conference regular-season title. Kansas coach Bill Self, whose team plays Ohio State on Saturday night, and John Calipari of Kentucky and Rick Pitino of Louisville are already racking up similar bonus packages, according to a review of their contracts by The Associated Press.

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On the web

Canadian figure-skating star Patrick Chan says if not for a move to Colorado before the 2010 Vancouver Olympics, he thinks he "would have quit." Now he's a gold-medal favourite going into this week's world championships in France. Scan the code for the story.

Anthony Davis of Kentucky cuts down the net after beating Baylor on Sunday. STREETER LECKA/GETTY IMAGES FILE

Kentucky's Davis embracing spotlight

Final Four. Top NBA draft prospect reflects on whirlwind season

Quoted

"I didn't know (success) was going to come this fast."

Kentucky forward Anthony Davis, expected by many to be a top NBA draft pick this summer.

Anthony Davis walked back into Kentucky's hotel in Atlanta at the South Regional when a young girl approached.

"She got on her knees and bowed down to me like I was a king and said, 'Bow to the Brow.' She was like five or six," Davis said in an interview with The Associated Press. "I just started laughing. Man, fans of all ages, Kentucky is crazy and I just love it."

Davis and his unibrow are a perfect fit.

He's a fun-loving teenager who has swatted away and dunked enough basketballs to become the most dominating player in the college ranks.

His steady play and calm demeanour amid the crazy fanbase makes it easy to forget he just turned 19 on March 11. He's the anchor of the Wildcats' defence and a ferocious shot-blocker, leading the NCAA with 175 rejections.

But off the court, Davis said he's a normal teenager.

"I'm a very cool guy, very laid back. I like to play video games," Davis said. "I like playing pranks on people. It's fun, livens up their spirits a little bit.

The Wildcats (36-2) play in-state rival Louisville (30-9) Saturday in the Final Four for a berth in the national title game. Davis will play his usual role, saying he's fine after banging his left knee in the South Regional final against Baylor.

Along the way to New Orleans, Davis has won nearly every major award and was named to AP's All-America team this week. It's pretty heady stuff for a kid who was just six-foot-two in high school as a sophomore and trying to figure out a complicated path to the NBA.

Then, an eight-inch growth spurt turned him into the nation's most in-demand high school prospect.

"I'm not even sure how it happened. But I'm glad it happened," Davis said.

With several potential first-round NBA draft picks on the Kentucky roster, Davis realizes that New Orleans will likely be the last time this group takes the floor together.

"I remember it like it was yesterday, like, I can't wait for this first game. I'm going to be nervous, first chance putting on a Kentucky uniform," Davis said. "It was great, but now it's about to be over."

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NHL

Shoulder surgery ends Hall's season

Edmonton Oilers forward Taylor Hall is done for the season.

The team said Tuesday the 20-year-old will undergo surgery on his left shoulder.

Hall hasn't played since March 17 after suffering a concussion early in a 3-1 win over the Calgary Flames.

Oilers general manager Steve Tambellini says Hall will spend five to six months recovering.

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Taylor Hall
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OHL

67's Zanetti to miss five games for spearing

The Ontario Hockey League suspended Kitchener Rangers forward Tyler Randell and Ottawa 67's defenceman Marc Zanetti for two separate incidents Tuesday.

Zanetti will sit out five games for a spearing incident prior to Game 2 of Ottawa's series with Belleville on Friday.

Meanwhile, Randell has been banned 10 games for his hit to the head of Owen Sound Attack centre Artur Gavrus in Game 1 of their first-round series.

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NFL. Saints turn attention to coaching

Sean Payton has planned the New Orleans Saints' off-season program, done some work on the upcoming draft and jotted down ideas for the start of training camp.

And now, with his season-long suspension set to begin Sunday, Payton is checking to see if mentor Bill Parcells would run the team while he serves his penalty for allowing a Saints assistant coach and players to run a bounty system.

Payton said Tuesday he will soon decide whether to appeal his suspension, something commissioner Roger Goodell has said he can do through Monday.

Quoted

"You're disappointed. You're disappointed in yourself that it got to this point."

Saints coach Sean Payton on his season-long suspension.

Payton also said he was meeting with Parcells — who lives near the site of this week's NFL meetings in Palm Beach, Fla., — to discuss the plan for the season.

"For me to be down here, if I didn't call him or try to set up a time to see him, I'd probably get his wrath," Payton said.

Payton said he, general manager Mickey Loomis — who is facing an eight-game suspension — and team owner Tom Benson are weighing a number of scenarios.

Among them: Does Parcells want to coach?

"I think it would just be considering all options, to be fair and really trying to do our homework on each option before making a decision," Payton said.

If Payton appeals, Goodell said he would "probably" allow him to continue working past the intended start of his suspension. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NBA. Raptors' Bayless likely done for season

Toronto guard Jerryd Bayless is expected to miss the rest of the season after suffering a partially torn left oblique muscle, the Raptors reported Tuesday.

Bayless left Toronto's game versus Orlando Monday in the second quarter and did not return. He underwent tests Tuesday at Toronto's Mount Sinai Hospital.

Bayless, in his second season with Toronto, has averaged 11.4 points, 3.8 assists and 22.7 minutes per game.

He started five games from March 11-17, averaging 21.8 points and 7.6 assists, shooting .543 per cent from the field and .571 per cent from three-point range.

Jerryd Bayless
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NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
dx-NY Rangers	75	47	21	2	5	206	168	101	26-10-0-2	21-11-2-3	5-5-0-0	W1
d-Boston	75	44	28	1	2	244	184	91	22-13-1-1	22-15-0-1	5-5-0-0	W2
d-Florida	75	36	24	5	10	186	206	87	20-9-1-9	16-15-4-1	5-2-0-3	L3
x-Pittsburgh	75	47	22	3	3	253	195	100	27-8-2-0	20-14-1-3	8-1-1-0	W1
x-Philadelphia	76	44	24	2	6	241	213	96	21-12-1-4	23-12-1-2	6-3-0-1	L1
New Jersey	76	42	28	2	4	206	200	90	20-13-0-4	22-15-2-0	5-4-0-1	L2
Ottawa	77	39	28	6	4	236	227	88	20-15-2-2	19-13-4-2	5-3-0-2	W2
Washington	76	38	30	4	4	205	214	84	24-10-2-2	14-20-2-2	6-2-1-1	W1
Buffalo	76	37	29	4	6	197	209	84	20-11-3-5	17-18-1-1	7-1-0-2	W4
Winnipeg	76	35	33	4	4	205	223	78	23-12-1-3	12-21-3-1	4-6-0-0	L2
Tampa Bay	75	35	33	4	3	214	255	77	23-14-1-1	12-19-3-2	4-5-1-0	W3
Carolina	76	30	31	9	6	202	228	75	19-13-1-5	11-18-8-1	5-4-1-0	L2
Toronto	76	33	34	4	5	217	239	75	16-14-3-4	17-20-1-1	3-5-0-2	L1
NY Islanders	75	31	33	7	4	180	224	73	15-16-5-1	16-17-3-2	5-3-1-1	W1
Montreal	76	29	34	4	9	197	211	71	14-15-2-7	15-19-2-2	4-3-2-1	L1

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
dx-St. Louis	76	47	20	1	8	196	147	103	29-4-1-3	18-16-0-5	6-2-0-2	W1
y-Vancouver	76	46	21	2	7	230	187	101	22-10-0-4	24-11-3-2	5-4-1-0	W3
d-San Jose	76	39	27	5	5	210	196	88	24-12-2-1	15-15-3-4	6-3-1-0	W3
Detroit	76	46	25	3	2	237	187	97	30-5-1-1	16-20-2-1	3-5-2-0	W2
Nashville	76	44	24	3	5	219	199	96	24-9-2-3	20-15-1-2	6-3-0-1	W2
Chicago	76	42	26	4	4	230	220	92	26-8-1-4	16-18-3-0	7-2-0-1	L1
Dallas	76	41	30	1	4	202	202	87	22-14-0-3	19-16-1-1	6-4-0-0	L1
Phoenix	77	37	27	3	10	200	202	87	19-13-2-4	18-14-1-6	4-2-0-4	L2
Los Angeles	76	37	27	5	7	175	165	86	21-14-0-4	16-13-5-3	6-4-0-0	L2
Colorado	78	40	32	4	2	201	207	86	22-15-1-1	18-17-3-1	5-3-1-1	L3
Calgary	77	35	27	6	9	191	212	85	21-10-1-5	14-17-5-4	5-1-2-2	W1
Anaheim	76	32	33	5	6	191	212	75	20-17-2-0	12-16-3-6	4-5-1-0	L1
Minnesota	75	31	34	2	8	159	207	72	17-15-1-3	14-19-1-5	3-7-0-0	L2
Edmonton	76	31	36	3	6	206	223	71	18-15-2-3	13-21-1-3	5-2-1-2	W2
Columbus	76	24	45	2	5	177	250	55	14-21-1-2	10-24-1-3	3-7-0-0	L2

x — clinched playoff berth; **d** — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Last night's results

Carolina at Toronto
Chicago at New Jersey
N.Y. Islanders at Pittsburgh
Buffalo at Washington
Tampa Bay at Boston
Florida at Montreal
Nashville at St. Louis
N.Y. Rangers at Minnesota

Monday's results

Calgary 5 Dallas 4
Ottawa 6 Winnipeg 4
Vancouver 1 Los Angeles 0
Detroit 7 Columbus 2
San Jose 5 Colorado 1
Tampa Bay 5 Philadelphia 3

Tonight's games

N.Y. Rangers at Winnipeg, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Columbus, 7:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Dallas at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.
Colorado at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
San Jose at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

Tomorrow's games

Washington at Boston, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Pittsburgh at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Florida at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
St. Louis at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
San Jose at Phoenix, 10 p.m.

MONDAY

SENATORS 6, JETS 4

First Period
1. Ottawa, Neil 12 (Spezza, Karlsson) 19:34
Penalties — Burmistrov Wpg (boarding) 1:48, Gonchar Ott (tripping) 14:57.
Second Period
2. Ottawa, Daugavins 5 (Condra, Smith) 1:53
3. Winnipeg, Miettinen 3 (Bogosian, Wellwood) 3:02
4. Winnipeg, Wellwood 16 (Kane, Hainsey) 6:54
5. Ottawa, Turris 10 (Spezza, Gonchar) 17:26
6. Winnipeg, Miettinen 4 (Slater, Glass) 17:46
Penalties — Kuba Ott (tripping) 2:38, Spezza Ott (tripping) 12:05, Enstrom Wpg (interference) 13:09, Spezza Ott (tripping) 14:56.
Third Period
7. Ottawa, Alfredsson 25 (Karlsson) 2:54
8. Winnipeg, Kane 29 (Wellwood) 17:03
9. Ottawa, Alfredsson 26 (Kuba, Turris) 17:27
10. Ottawa, Michalek 34 19:26 en
Penalties — None.
Shots on goal by

Ottawa	10	11	14	35
Winnipeg	13	17	18	48

Goal — Ottawa: Anderson (W,31-20-6). Winnipeg: Pavelec (L,28-27-7).
Power plays (goals-chances) — Ottawa: 0-2; Winnipeg: 0-4.
Referees — Dennis LaRue, Dan O'Rourke.
Linesmen — Brad Kovachik, Thor Nelson.
Attendance — 15,004 at Winnipeg.

FLAMES 5, STARS 4

First Period
1. Dallas, Benn 25 (Ott) 0:26
2. Calgary, Jokinen 22 (Stempniak, Glencross) 6:53 (pp)
Penalties — Daley Dal (high-sticking) 5:51, Giordano Cal (hooking) 8:42, Butler Cal (high-sticking) 11:17, Robidas Dal (tripping) 17:28.
Second Period
3. Dallas, Benn 26 (Burish, Pardy) 0:44
4. Calgary, Comeau 5, 9:16
5. Calgary, Cammalleri 17 (Iginla, Babchuk) 10:01
6. Dallas, Ribeiro 17 (Ryder, Goligoski) 14:29
7. Calgary, Giordano 9 (Iginla, Cammalleri) 16:58 (pp)
8. Calgary, Tanguay 13 (Cammalleri, Giordano) 19:32 (pp)
Penalties — Souray Dal (high-sticking) 2:16, Cammalleri Cal (tripping) 3:43, Ribeiro Dal (tripping) 4:40, Burish Dal (slashing), Hannan Cal (roughing) 10:30, Pardy Dal (roughing), Stempniak Cal (slashing) 13:37, Robidas Dal (tripping) 14:59, Ott Dal (tripping) 18:33.
Third Period
9. Dallas, Larsen 2 (Souray, Ott) 5:24 (pp)
Penalty — Giordano Cal (holding) 3:52.
Shots on goal by

Dallas	17	10	12	39
Calgary	13	17	5	35

Goal — Dallas: Lehtonen (L,31-18-4); Calgary: Kiprusoff (W,34-20-11).
Power plays (goals-chances) — Dallas: 1-4; Calgary: 3-6.
Referees — Dan O'Halloran, Dennis LaRue.
Linesmen — Ryan Galloway, Tim Nowak.
Att. — 19,289 (19,289) at Calgary.

CANUCKS 1, KINGS 0

First Period
1. Vancouver, Malhotra 7 (Lapierre, Edler) 3:05
Penalty — H. Sedin Vcr (hooking) 17:03.
Second Period
No Scoring.
Penalties — Clifford LA (unsportsmanlike conduct) 11:48, Mitchell LA (interference) 14:06, Booth Vcr (holding the stick) 15:27.
Third Period
No Scoring.
Penalties — Greene LA (cross checking) 1:45, Penner LA (goaltender interference) 16:37, Edler Vcr (holding) 19:34.
Shots on goal by

Los Angeles	9	12	17	38
Vancouver	5	7	13	25

Goal — Los Angeles: Quick (L,32-21-11); Vancouver: Luongo (W,29-14-8).
Power plays (goals-chances) — Los Angeles: 0-3; Vancouver: 0-4.
Referees — Frederick L'Ecuyer, Chris Lee.
Linesmen — Mark Shewchyk, Brad Lazarowich.
Att. — 18,860 at Vancouver.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	Pt
Malkin, Pgh	46	51	97
Stamkos, TB	53	35	88
Giroux, Pha	27	59	86
Spezza, Ott	31	49	80
Kessel, Tor	36	41	77
Neal, Pgh	35	41	76
Kovalchuk, NJ	32	43	75
Tavares, NYI	31	44	75
Karlsson, Ott	19	56	75
Hossa, Chi	29	45	74
Eberle, Edm	32	41	73
H.Sedin, Vcr	13	60	73
Thornton, SJ	16	56	72
Ra.Whitney, Phx	23	48	71
Elias, NJ	25	45	70
Gaborik, NYR	37	31	68
Eriksson, Dal	26	42	68
St. Louis, TB	24	44	68
E.Staal, Car	23	45	68
D.Sedin, Vcr	30	37	67

Not including last night's games

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Chicago	40	11	.784	—
d-Miami	35	13	.729	3½
Orlando	32	18	.640	7½
d-Philadelphia	28	22	.560	11½
Indiana	29	19	.604	9½
Atlanta	30	20	.600	9½
Boston	27	22	.551	12
New York	25	25	.500	14½
Milwaukee	22	27	.449	17
Cleveland	17	30	.362	21
Detroit	17	32	.347	22
Toronto	16	34	.320	23½
New Jersey	16	35	.314	24
Washington	11	38	.224	28
Charlotte	7	40	.149	31

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Oklahoma City	37	12	.755	—
d-San Antonio	33	14	.702	3
d-L.A. Lakers	30	19	.612	7
L.A. Clippers	28	21	.571	9
Dallas	28	22	.560	9½
Memphis	26	21	.553	10
Utah	27	23	.540	10½
Houston	27	23	.540	10½
Denver	27	23	.540	10½
Phoenix	25	24	.510	12
Minnesota	24	26	.480	13½
Portland	23	26	.469	14
Golden State	20	27	.426	16
Sacramento	17	32	.347	20
New Orleans	12	37	.245	25

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Last night's results

Philadelphia 103, Cleveland 85
Minnesota at Memphis
Atlanta at Milwaukee
Houston at Dallas
Oklahoma City at Portland
San Antonio at Phoenix
L.A. Lakers at Golden State

Monday's results

Boston 102, Charlotte 95
Indiana 105, Miami 90
Orlando 117, Toronto 101
Detroit 79, Washington 77
Utah 105, New Jersey 84
New York 89, Milwaukee 80
Denver 108, Chicago 91
Houston 113, Sacramento 106, OT
L.A. Clippers 97, New Orleans 85

Tonight's games

Detroit at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Denver at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Orlando at New York, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Utah at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
New Orleans at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
Phoenix at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

LACROSSE

NLL

Sunday's results

Colorado 16 Philadelphia 15 (OT)
Washington 20 Minnesota 13

Friday, March 30

Calgary at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 31

Colorado at Rochester, 1:05 p.m.
Toronto at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
Washington at Calgary, 9 p.m.

MLB

SPRING TRAINING

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Toronto	19	4	.826
Detroit	15	5	.750
Oakland	14	5	.737
Los Angeles	14	9	.609
Seattle	12	8	.600
New York	13	9	.591
Kansas City	14	11	.560
Boston	12	10	.545
Minnesota	14	12	.538
Baltimore	10	10	.500
Chicago	11	13	.458
Tampa Bay	7	15	.318
Texas	7	16	.304
Cleveland	6	16	.273

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
St. Louis	13	7	.650
San Diego	16	11	.593
San Francisco	14	10	.583
Los Angeles	12	9	.571
Colorado	13	11	.542
Houston	12	12	.500
Miami	9	10	.474
Chicago	12	14	.462
Philadelphia	11	13	.458
Milwaukee	10	13	.435
Arizona	10	14	.417
Cincinnati	10	15	.400
Atlanta	9	14	.391
Pittsburgh	8	15	.348
Washington	7	14	.333
New York	6	15	.286

Yesterday's results

Minnesota 5, Baltimore 0
Philadelphia 5, Pittsburgh 4
Houston 14, Detroit 7
Miami 3, Washington 1
Atlanta 7, N.Y. Mets 5
Boston 8, Tampa Bay 0
San Diego (ss) 6, L.A. Dodgers 5
Chicago White Sox 7, Cleveland 1
Kansas City 9, Milwaukee 7
Arizona 7, Colorado 3
Chicago Cubs vs. Cincinnati
San Diego (ss) vs. Texas
L.A. Angels vs. San Francisco
Toronto vs. N.Y. Yankees

SOCCER

MLS

Friday, March 30

FC Dallas at D.C. United, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 31

Columbus at Toronto FC, 2 p.m.
Montreal at New York, 4 p.m.
Vancouver at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
San Jose at Seattle FC, 10 p.m.
Real Salt Lake at Portland, 10 p.m.
New England at Los Angeles, 11 p.m.

ENGLAND

FA CUP

Yesterday's results

Tottenham 3, Bolton 1

Replay

Sunderland 0, Everton 2

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

Yesterday's results

Ipswich 1, Middlesbrough 1
Leicester 0, Nottingham Forest 0
Peterborough 0, West Ham 2
Portsmouth 2, Hull 0
Crystal Palace 1, Doncaster 1

UEFA

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

QUARTER-FINALS
First Leg
Yesterday's results

Benfica (Portugal) 0, Chelsea (England) 1
APOEL Nicosia (Cyprus) 0, Real Madrid (Spain) 3

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BOSTON RED SOX—Optioned 1B Lars Anderson and SS Jose Iglesias to Pawtucket (IL). Reassigned RHP Justin Germano, RHP Doug Mathis and OF Josh Kroeger to minor league camp.
CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Reassigned OF Jordan Danks, INF Jim Gallagher, INF Dan Johnson, INF Dallas McPherson, C Josh Phegley and INF Tyler Saladino to their minor league camp.
CLEVELAND INDIANS—Optioned INF Lonnie Chisenhall and INF Matt Laporta to Columbus (IL). Reassigned OF Chad Huffman to their minor league camp.
MINNESOTA TWINS—Optioned RHP Jeff Manship and OF Joe Benson to Rochester (IL). Reassigned C Rene Rivera and INF Pedro Florimon to minor league camp.
NEW YORK YANKEES—Released 1B-OF Preston Mattingly.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

COLORADO ROCKIES—Released 3B Casey Blake unconditionally.
HOUSTON ASTROS—Released 1B/OF Jack Cust unconditionally and LHP Zach Duke from his minor league contract.
LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Optioned INF-OF Jerry Sands to their minor league camp. Placed RHP Blake Hawksworth on the 60-day DL. Selected the contract of RHP Jamey Wright.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Agreed to terms with C Jonathan Lucroy on a five-year contract.

BASKETBALL

NBA

SAN ANTONIO SPURS—Signed G Patrick Mills.
TORONTO RAPTORS—Signed G Ben Uzoh to a 10-day contract.

FOOTBALL

NFL

DETROIT LIONS—Agreed to terms with RB Kevin Smith on a one-year contract.
MINNESOTA VIKINGS—Re-signed LB Erin Henderson to a one-year contract. Signed CB Zack Bowman to a one-year contract.
NEW YORK JETS—Re-signed WR Scotty McKnight.

HOCKEY

NHL

FLORIDA PANTHERS—Agreed to terms with C Drew Shore and assigned him to San Antonio (AHL).
PITTSBURGH PENGUINS—Recalled D Simon Despres and D Brian Strait from Wilkes Barre/Scranton (AHL).
WASHINGTON CAPITALS—Signed D Cameron Schilling to a two-year contract.
WINNIPEG JETS—Signed D Will O'Neill.

AHL

GRAND RAPIDS GROFFINS—Signed D Ryan Sproul. Assigned D Bryan Rufenach to Toledo (ECHL). Announced D Gleason Fournier was reassigned to Toledo.
SAN ANTONIO RAMPAGE—Reassigned LW Justin Vaive to Cincinnati (ECHL).

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MONTREAL IMPACT—Announced the retirement of D Nevio Pizzolitto.

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Caddy enters a new weight class

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Lightweight

Where the ATS excels is its reasonable 1,545-kilogram curb weight. That's about 225 less than the CTS sedan (currently the only passenger car in the Cadillac garage). That's also less than most of the competition — which should help when the official fuel-consumption numbers are announced closer to launch time.

Safety first

The ATS is looking to match its competitors, stride for stride, in safety with up to 10 airbags plus an array of the latest in collision-avoidance gear.

This includes adaptive cruise control (maintains a safe distance from the vehicle in front) and lane-departure warning with blind-zone alert.

2013 Cadillac ATS

- **Type.** Four-door, rear- /all-wheel-drive compact sedan.
- **Engines (hp):** 2.5-litre DOHC I4 (200); 2.0-litre DOHC I4 (270); 3.6-litre DOHC V6 (318).
- **Mileage:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 8.5/5.5 (2.5, est.).
- **Base Price:** $36,000.

The 270-horsepower turbo four-cylinder is found in other more mainstream GM brands.

Engine

Although the ATS will be available with a relatively potent 318-horsepower 3.6-litre V6, Cadillac is making available two different four-cylinder offerings.

Base cars get a 200-horsepower 2.5-litre four-cylinder, while a 2.0-litre turbocharged four-cylinder is optional.

Review. With boutique brands downsizing, there are hot deals on hot new cars for regular folks. This is one of them.

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Scaling back power, size and fuel consumption without scaling back the amenities is all the rage these days.

You could say that's the new Cadillac ATS's sole purpose in life.

But would you go as far as picking an ATS over a BMW 3-Series sedan?

Or, for that matter, an Audi A4, Mercedes-Benz C-Class, Infiniti G37 or a Lexus IS?

Along with their generally compact size, efficient and still-potent powerplants and luxury accommodations, all of them also offer all-wheel-drive.

Well, that's what you can expect from the ATS, which arrives this summer.

Although clearly Cadillac-looking, the stylists have done a good job scaling down the brand's visual identity.

The result conveys plenty of elegance from every angle, especially around the grille and lower air intakes at one end and the abbreviated trunk lid and vertical taillight bars at other.

The overall shape doesn't dazzle and it's far from ground-breaking, but it is quite appealing.

No prices have been announced, but to maintain a certain spread below the $39,000 CTS and remain competitive with its classmates, you can expect the ATS to start in the $36,000 range.

That should earn it the once-over and a double take from shoppers — luxury or not — looking to trade down in size without giving up all the comfort.

A look at the cabin of the ATS.

There's no question that Cadillac got it right when it comes to design, keeping it understated like its German rivals.

By comparison

1 BMW 3-Series sedan
Base price: $37,900

2 Audi A4 sedan
Base price: $39,800

3 Infiniti G series sedan
Base price: $38,300

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Top Gear

A flare with flair

The days of carrying around traditional emergency flares might be nearing an end, especially when you take a look at the features of the GorillaTorch Flare from Joby, Inc. This little guy costs about $35 US and projects a bright white beam from its light emitting diode (LED) or a red light from its three red LEDs. The GorillaTorch Flare uses three AA batteries that provide about 20 hours of white light, 80 hours of strobing light or 60 hours of red light (240 hours of strobing red). If that seems like a lot of time, it is because LEDs take less power than the usual filament-style bulbs found in conventional flashlights. The light attaches to just about any surface since the three feet are magnetized and can be pretzelled around other not magnetic surfaces, which means it also doubles as a bright work light or a light for the backyard or campground. Read more about GorillaTorch Flare at joby.com.

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The Model S is designed by Franz von Holzhausen, who also designed the Saturn Sky and Pontiac Solstice roadsters. PHOTOS FROM WHEELBASE MEDIA

Tesla's model 'S'itizen

Autoknow. Electric cars are on the fringe for some automakers, while Tesla's very existence depends on them. Maybe that's why this sleek new hatchback with a 480-kilometre range seems so natural.

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Whether we wanted it, the age of the electric car is upon us and their numbers are slowly growing. While most of the better-known brands are being built by mainstream automakers such as General Motors, Ford, Nissan and Mitsubishi, perhaps the best out-of-the-box thinking is coming from boutique automakers.

In this group is Tesla Motors, a Palo Alto, Calif., company founded by Elon Musk, creator of online money-transfer system Pay Pal.

Tesla (named for electrical development pioneer Nikola Tesla) has, since 2006, sold more than 2,100 of its $125,000-plus two-seater Roadster model. But, as a company spokesman explained at the North American International Auto Show in January, the Lotus Elise-based sports car's true importance was as a test bed for Tesla's electric powertrain technology. The next phase in the brand's development is the Model S four-door sedan, which will launch this summer. The car is being constructed at a plant in Fremont, Calif., that had been jointly operated by General Motors and Toyota.

Like all Tesla vehicles, the Model S operates on electric power only. It does not use a gasoline engine to generate electrical energy, as is the case with the Chevrolet Volt, which lacks the Model S's electric range. It's a highly unique vehicle on several fronts.

The aluminum-bodied, full-size four-door hatchback is roughly the same size as BMW's 5-series hatchback. However, the Model S design has more luggage space with the 60:40 back seat up or folded, not including an additional storage area under the hood.

Under the hood? Well, the 306-horsepower electric motor is actually positioned between the rear wheels, while the liquid-cooled lithium-ion battery layout unobtrusively forms part of a rigid platform that connects to the front and rear suspension.

Inside, the Model S can seat five adults plus two pint-sized, rear-facing passengers in the optional fold-up third row, not unlike those old station wagons of the 1950s and '60s.

By the numbers

$105,400

Model S pricing in the United States before government rebates runs from $57,400 to $105,400, but there's no word yet on what Canadians will pay.

Tesla claims the 40 kilowatt/hour (kWh) batteries in the base model are good for up to about 255 kilometres on a full charge. The range increases to about 365 kilometres if the 60 kWh powerpack is specified, while 480 kilometres is attainable with the 85-kWh option.

Performance is also affected, depending on the battery pack selected. Zero-to-60-m.p.h. (96 km/h) times vary from 6.5 seconds for the 40 kWh cars, to 5.6 seconds for the 85 kWh batteries (dropping to 4.4 seconds when the Performance version is specified).

Top speed runs 175-200 km/h, again depending on battery capacity, but driving the Model S with a heavy foot will certainly curtail its advertised range. The Model S lacks a conventional transmission, but instead uses a controller to initiate forward and reverse.

As with other electrics, charging the Model S can be accomplished by plugging into a standard 120-volt wall outlet from a port hidden behind the driver's-side taillight. Tesla says that each hour of charging gives the car about 50 kilometres of range, but that doubles when the optional 240-volt high-power wall connector is used. At that rate, a full charge for the 85 kWh model should be all wrapped up in about five hours.

Buy a fully-decked-out 85 kWh Model S and Tesla says you'll be able to access its new network of "Superchargers throughout North America" to give you about 255 kilometres of range in 30 minutes of charging.

The equipment list for the base cars is near-luxury and includes a cloth interior, seven-speaker 200-watt audio system and 19-inch wheels. Leather is optional as is a panoramic glass roof, carbon-fibre trim, power liftgate and 21-inch wheels.

The Model S represents Tesla's first in-house-designed vehicle and will be followed in 2014 by the Model X. That taller, roomier version of the Model S will feature dual-motor all-wheel-drive and four gullwing-style doors, called Falcon Wings.

Unusual and unique, of course, but Tesla's clean-sheet approach to emissions-free automobile design is what separates it from just about everything else on the market.

The front passenger zone is dominated by a vertical 17-inch touch-screen control panel that resembles an oversized iPad tablet. From there, the navigation, communications, audio system and cabin environment are activated and the Internet accessed through a built-in wireless connection.

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2012 Audi TT RS

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If the $136,000 Audi R8 is a wallet-buster, the 2012 TT RS that's now on sale in limited numbers will still pin you to your seat and plaster a big, fat grin on your kisser for about half that amount.

What's this? A bargain Audi that can run with the vaunted R8 sports car?

Well, sort of. Although not nearly as fetching as the R8, the TT coupe-based RS projects plenty of style and performance that sets it apart from the other TT models in the lineup.

It's doubtful that R8 owners will feel threatened by the TT RS, or vice versa. Each car has its own cachet that transcends the bottom line and both owners will likely be thoroughly satisfied with their purchases.

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What you should know

- **Type.** Two-door, all-wheel-drive coupe.
- **Engine (hp):** 2.5-litre DOHC I5, turbocharged (360).
- **Mileage:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 12.3/8.1.
- **Market Position:** Relatively affordable high-performance coupes could eventually become an extinct species, but for now cars such as the RS will always find willing buyers with an unquenchable thirst for performance.
- **Base Price:** $69,600.

Flab free

Part of the secret to the car's success is that the entire TT line is relatively flab-free. Fully 69 per cent of the structure is comprised of aluminum, while only 31 per cent is steel, a ratio that reduces the car's heft by a claimed 48 per cent than if it were entirely constructed from steel. At about 1,500 kilograms, the RS weighs about the same as the Chevrolet Corvette coupe.

Manual transmission

As desirable as the RS is, you had better be one of the estimated five per cent of the nation's drivers who prefer to shift for themselves, since a six-speed manual transmission is all you can get with this model. That seems limiting as most of the car's direct competitors make available either an automatic or a faster-shifting dual-clutch automated manual gearbox.

The R8 is obviously in a different league than the TT RS, but the owner will have to drive the wheels off it to beat a TT RS in a stoplight war.

Engine

What R8 buyers are paying the big bucks for is a mid-ship-mounted 430-horsepower V8, superb balance and supercar good looks. Meanwhile, the TT RS makes do with a comparatively puny front-mounted 360-horsepower 2.5-litre turbocharged five-cylinder engine. Because the RS is turbocharged it makes 343 pound-feet of torque compared to the R8's 317.

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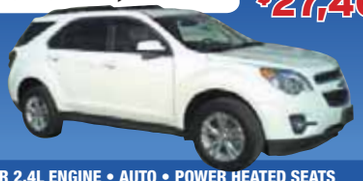

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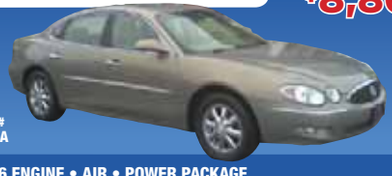

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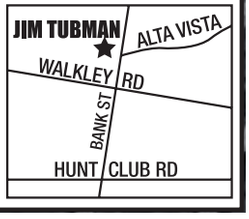

Ion had coupe looks with sedan utility

Second Gear.
2003 to 2007
Saturn Ion

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Ion was produced from 2003 to 2007 in either coupe or sedan body styles, replacing the "S" series in Saturn's lineup.

The coupe offered easy backseat access for people or pets by way of a useful set of "suicide" doors. Tucked in behind the front doors, these smaller openings allowed easier access to the rear seats while maintaining the looks of a coupe.

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Engine

Four-cylinder ECOTEC engines were fitted to all models, including a 2.4-litre unit with 170 horsepower. Look for automatic, manual or continually variable transmissions. Avoid the latter.

What Owners Like

Coupe looks combined with sedan utility are among the strong points stated by Ion Coupe owners. Selection, fresh styling and overall value were also rated highly, as was ride comfort.

What Owners Dislike

Complaints typically include a "cheap" feel to the cabin trim and limited rear-seat space for larger adults.

Common Issues

Listen for any unusual or sporadic rattling sounds from under the hood, which could be caused by loose exhaust manifold bolts. This isn't a huge issue if diagnosed properly.

Check for proper and quiet operation from the climate-control fan and temperature controls. A ticking noise when the fan is working could be caused by a loose or broken cover. Ensure the power sunroof is working, along with the turn signals. Note that a lumpy or awkward idle could be caused by a malfunction in the engine computer, which would require reprogramming to fix. Finally, avoid the CVT transmission — which was axed from the powertrain lineup due to reliability issues.

Verdict

Avoid a used Ion model with the CVT transmission, and you'll likely enjoy a unique, cheap-to-run compact car with affordable pricing and a good sense of style.

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Driving Force. Redline: Your car's keeping an eye on it

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If your car has a tachometer, it may also have a red mark around the higher numbers. It's a warning, appropriately named "redline," but thanks to new auto technologies, it's not as dangerous as it used to be.

"Redline is the maximum rotational speed at which the engine can be operated," says Hayato Mori, manager of production planning for Honda Canada.

"Nothing is indestructible. Everything has its limits."

Engines contain pistons that move up and down, powered by the force of gasoline igniting. This movement turns a heavy crankshaft, similar to the way your legs work the pedals on a bicycle. The crankshaft's spinning motion eventually turns the wheels.

The crankshaft's motion is measured in revolutions per minute, or r.p.m. It's also called the "engine speed" and is indicated by the needle on the tachometer. The engine speed will go up or down depending on how fast you're going or what gear you're in. The crankshaft is very strong, but it does have its limits.

The tachometer on a Honda CR-Z shows the redline area. HONDA CANADA

"If you spin (a crankshaft) fast enough, it will create a vibration," Mori says.

"If the vibration is too great, it will start to affect the structure and operation of the engine. You have a heavy piston head supported by a rod, and it will get to a point where you will damage the rod."

The damage in that worst-case scenario could possibly mean complete engine failure. Fortunately, modern cars are equipped to prevent such a problem. If the engine speed goes to redline, the car's control system takes over, cutting back on the throttle and immediately dropping to a safe r.p.m.

That intervention is more likely with a manual transmission, where it's possible for the driver to keep the car in a lower gear while revving the engine, potentially putting it into the danger zone. Cars with automatic transmissions also have the throttle cut-off system, but are less likely to need it, since they will shift to a higher gear once the r.p.m. rises sufficiently.

Redline is more of a problem on older cars, which may not have a fail safe, and drivers have to be careful to keep the engine below the warning area.

Some drivers like to run each gear to the allowable maximum for a racy feel, "but we don't recommend it because in the long range, it won't be good for the engine," Mori says.

"Every machine has its operating parameter, and when we put those red lines on the tachometer, we do it for a reason."

Natural gas to liquid is fuel for thought

Autopilot

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Natural gas burns cleaner than crude oil fuel. ISTOCK

We've heard a lot lately about electricity's potential as an alternative fuel, but natural gas keeps hanging around the fuel discussion, like a bad gas.

But it's a good gas. North America has lots. It burns cleaner than crude oil fuel. It's relatively cheap.

But there's always a catch, isn't there?

The catch with natural gas is that it doesn't transport or store very well. People tend to build just enough pipes and storage tanks for their needs, be it home heating or municipal car and truck fleets. Any uptick in demand and use would require a commensurate increase in expensive infrastructure.

And because you can't store a lot of it, the price of natural gas is more susceptible to drops in demand. When demand drops, prices fall easily, a phenomenon that doesn't bode well for increased production and infrastructure development.

So I was struck recently by a news report stating that the biggest, baddest gasoline producer on the planet, Royal Dutch Shell, is seriously increasing its bet on natural gas.

Not only that, but this year will see it produce — for the first time — more natural gas than crude, on an oil equivalent basis. Shell also expects natural gas to continue to grow as a proportion of its production in the coming years.

Among the areas Shell intends to investigate is liquefying the gas so it compacts significantly and consequently ships easier, for possible overseas export, and more natural gas made into synthetic diesel fuel. Shell already has a big gas-to-liquids operation in Qatar.

I asked energy expert Gail Tverberg of The Oil Drum forum, Our Infinite World blog, if gas-to-liquid leans more toward science fiction than mainstream. She noted the technology is well developed, but it's expensive. Natural gas has to be significantly cooled to get into a liquid state, cooled all along its transport route, and then it needs to go back to its gaseous state before being delivered to the end user.

Converting it directly into a permanent liquid fuel, like synthetic diesel, requires very expensive processing that has so far limited its use as a transportation fuel.

"It's like any energy resource," notes Tverberg. "You take the best resource first, which tends to be cheaper. Then you go to the resources that are harder to extract or more difficult to obtain. That's what we're doing now. Natural gas is more difficult ..."

Difficult and alternative, just like a teenager. Surely at some point it has to grow up.

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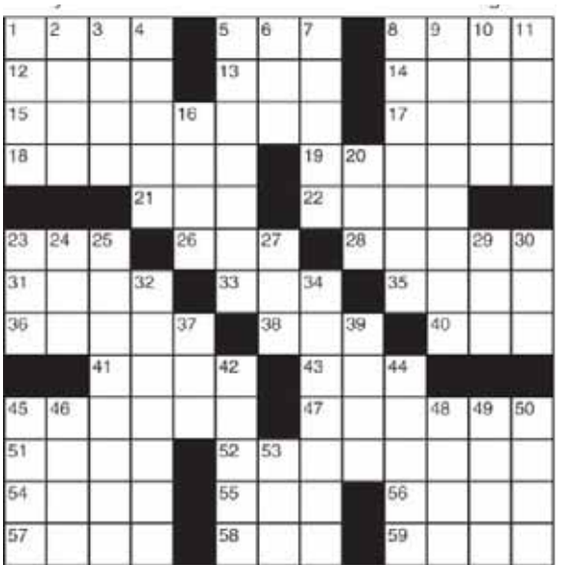

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1 Comic strip penguin
5 Witness
8 Slightly
12 Kate's role in "Titanic"
13 Luau bowlful
14 Bro
15 Very active
17 Capri, e.g.
18 Overexert
19 It's handy if you have to break your word
21 — -la-la
22 Roger Rabbit, e.g.
23 "Great!"
26 Performance
28 Exhaust
31 Egg
33 Kangaroo's move
35 Betty's "Hot in Cleveland" role
36 Frankincense or myrrh
38 Third degree?
40 Moon craft
41 Stepped (on)
43 Thing, in law
45 Meager
47 Aviatrix Earhart
51 Jason's ship
52 Profession
54 Quartet
55 Salt Lake athlete
56 Garfield's pal
57 Salamanders
58 Petrol
59 -tat-tat

Down

1 Spheres
2 Sulk
3 Cold War nation (Abbr.)
4 Attack
5 Popeye's "fuel"
6 A billion years
7 Twice 54-Across
8 Fat
9 "Sex and the City" writer Candace
10 Not working
11 Adolescent
16 Old Italian money
20 Thee
23 Supporting
24 Rd.
25 Laugh so hard it hurts
27 Upper surface
29 Guitar's cousin
30 Nonstick spray
32 Kaleidoscope components
34 Groups of words
37 Ph. bk. info
39 Ms. Moore
42 Clean, as software
44 Man of La Mancha
45 Protected
46 College teacher, often
48 Mother of Castor and Pollux
49 "— an earthquake, or ..."
50 Cruising
53 Actress Hagen

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Yesterday's answer

Sudoku

					9		4	
2	3				4	8		
	5		1			2		
	9			4	7		6	
4								2
	6		3	8			1	
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	4		7					

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Yesterday's answer

4	8	3	9	6	7	1	2	5
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9	6	5	1	2	3	4	7	8
1	5	4	7	9	8	2	3	6
8	3	6	2	5	4	9	1	7
2	7	9	3	1	6	5	8	4
3	1	7	6	4	9	8	5	2
6	9	8	5	7	2	3	4	1
5	4	2	8	3	1	7	6	9

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Taurus | April 21 - May 21. You can't seem to make up your mind what you should be doing with your precious time.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. You must think positive today, especially when dealing with situations where negative words could so easily lead to negative consequences.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. What you most need is close at hand but you can't seem to see it.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. Think seriously about your money situation today. The answers to your problems are not really that difficult.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. Go your own way and do your own thing today.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. You need to trust your instincts today, even when – especially when – they tell you things you don't want to hear.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. Focus only on things that are relevant to your long-term success.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. You may have to make a tactical retreat today, most likely because you find yourself up against someone who is too big or to powerful for you to compete with one-to-one.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. Your mind may be working fast but can you trust what it tells you? That might sound like a strange question but while mind planet Mercury is moving retrograde it's something you need to keep asking – often.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. Cash flow problems may be causing some concern but don't let your worries get out of control.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. If you get the chance to take advantage of an opportunity that someone else has missed you must not hesitate, not even for a moment. They had their chance and blew it, now it's your turn to benefit. Cash in!

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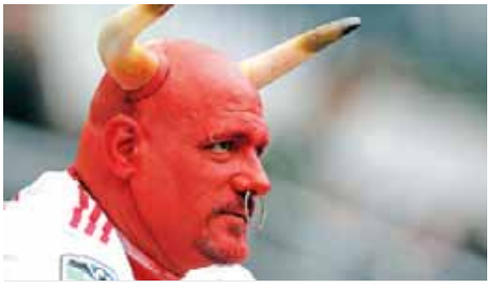

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